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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

Chairman, ELINT Exploitation Working Group

SUBJECT: Ninth Meeting of the ELINT Exploitation Working Group

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1. On 4 November 1981, the members of the Working Group approved an approach to the data collection phase which starts with a series of three conferences designed to introduce the exploitation centers to the two planning guides (Collection Impact and Environmental Change) and to the questions that need to be answered. Formal response will be required within 30 days after the conference. The first conference will be held on 14-15 December 1981 for the S&T exploitation centers, and the second conference on 4-5 January 1982 for operational support exploitation centers based in the U.S. or the Pacific. A third conference will be held for the European operational support exploitation centers. Follow-up visits will be scheduled in January and February for clarification and standardization of responses as necessary.

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2. A briefing (Attachment A) was presented on the progress of the Environmental Change Study and it was agreed during the subsequent discussion that the scheduled date for the submission of the preliminary draft of the study would have to be moved back from 1 December 1981 to 24 November 1981 in order to make the conference schedule.

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3. The Chairman announced that he was briefing the SIGINT Committee on 6 November about the Working Group's request for TALENT-KEYHOLE subcompartments for the future ELINT systems (Attachment B).

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Attachment C

AGENDA

Tenth Meeting of the ELINT Exploitation Working Group

0930 Hours, 18 November 1981

Room 4S09, Community Headquarters Building

1. Final verification of operational ELINT Exploitation Centers embraced by study.
  - Review Definition
  - Review Program Element Funding
2. Review draft of message to Operational ELINT Exploitation Centers determined above.
3. Review draft cover letter for data call packages.
  - S&T Centers
  - OPS Centers
4. Review draft of Collection Impact Planning Guide for data call package.
  - S&T Centers
  - OPS Centers
5. Hand-out and brief discussion of questions for data call packages.
  - Phone call suspense 24 November 1981

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Attachment D

PROPOSED AGENDA

Eleventh Meeting of ELINT Exploitation Working Group

0930 Hours, 2 December 1981

Room 1S06, Community Headquarters Building

1. Review of Interim Draft of Environmental Change Study and Environmental Change Planning Guide.
2. Final review of Collection Impact Planning Guide.
3. Final review of Revised Conference Materials.

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NEAR-TERM ACTIONS

- ICS to provide:

Revised set of questions to ask of Exploitation Centers in Data Collection Phase.

DEADLINE: 18 November 1981 (10th Meeting)

- ICS to provide:

Collection Impact Planning Guide--a description of the changes expected in the volume and the nature of the flow of ELINT information from the ELINT Collection Mix through 1990 in a form that can be disseminated to the Exploitation Centers within the proposed TK subcompartments.

DEADLINE: 18 November 1981 (10th Meeting)

- ICS to provide:

Environmental Change Planning Guide--a description of changes expected in the ELINT environment by 1990 that may affect exploitation.

DEADLINE: Draft Report by 26 November 1981 (prior to 11th Meeting)

- DIA, Army, Air Force, and Navy to provide:

List of operational ELINT Exploitation Centers for final approval by the Working Group.

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- ☐ NSA to provide:

Comments and corrections on Collection Impact Planning Guide.

DEADLINE: 2 December 1981 (11th Meeting)

- NSA, DIA, CIA, Army, Navy, Air Force to provide:

Comments and corrections on Environmental Change Planning Guide.

DEADLINE: 2 December 1981 (11th Meeting)



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Definition of ELINT Exploitation Centers

The ELINT Exploitation Working Group intends to identify the impact of the changes in ELINT information from overhead ELINT collection that are expected in the 1980s on the recipients of that information. It is expected that those exploitation centers which are primarily or exclusively involved in the processing of ELINT are most likely to be affected. Hence, the designation ELINT exploitation center is used; however, any NFIP organization which is heavily dependent on ELINT information from overhead collection would therefore be likely to be significantly affected by the changes, and is eligible for inclusion in the study.

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